THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was a discrepancy in the number of satellites mentioned in the books *i.e.* Science for Class VIII and Geography for Class VI brought out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Necessary correction in the Geography textbook has been made and the corrected reprint edition available for 2007 academic session would read "over 30 satellites". Whenever any mistake/discrepancy is noticed in NCERT's textbooks after publication, it is corrected in the next reprint edition.

Directives of Supreme Court on OBC reservation

†1194. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had issued any directives with regard to 27 per cent reservations to OBC in institutes of higher learning; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the court has passed any directions with regard to reservation to those persons of SC, ST and OBC who fall within the creamy layer; if so, the action being taken in this regard;

(c) whether women belonging to the above said categories are being considered for special quota in reservation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No,
Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Universities offering distance education

†1195. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central universities, State universities, State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

open universities, deemed universities and institutes of national importance offering courses of studies through correspondence/distance education;

(b) the total number of students enrolled in these universities and institutes at present;

(c) the total number of students who have passed from these universities and institutions;

(d) the details of the boys/girls/SC/ST/OBC and minority students studying in these universities and institutions; and

(e) the total number of students who have either secured employment or got promotion in Central and State Government offices on the basis of their educational qualifications after obtaining education through correspondence/distance learning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) A list indicating the names of Central universities, State universities, State open universities, deemed universities and institutes of national importance offering courses of studies through correspondence/distance education is given in Statement (See below).

(b) As per the information provided by IGNOU, approximately 21.00 lakh students were enrolled in the said institutions under their distance learning programmes in the year 2005.

(c) to (e) No such data is maintained Centrally.

Statement.

Central Universities:

1. Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
2. Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, A.P.
3. University of Hyderabad, A.P.
4. North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Meghalaya.
5. Jamia Milia, Islamia, New Delhi
6. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (U.P.):
7. University of Allahabad UP.
8. Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
9. University of Delhi, Delhi.

Deemed Universities:

10. Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad, A.P.
11. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, A.P.
12. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra. Jharkhand.
13. Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala, Punjab.
14. Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
15. International Institute for Population Sciences, Deonar, Bombay, Maharashtra.
16. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune. Maharashtra.
17. Jain Vishwa Bharti Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan.
18. The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu.
19. Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram.
20. Shanmugha Arts, Science, Techno and Research Academy, Thanjavur (T.N.).
21. Jamia Hamdard, Delhi.
22. Symbosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune (Maharashtra).
23. Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai (Maharashtra).
24. Sri Ram Chandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai, T.N.
25. SRM University Chennai, T.N.
26. Manipal Acadmey of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka.
27. Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan, Bangalore, Karnataka.
28. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.
29. Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyala, Haridwar, Uttaranchal.
30. Tata Institute of Social Sciences,

Mumbai. State Unviersities:

31. Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, A.P.
32. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, A.P.
33. Kakatiya University, Warangal, A.P.
34. Osmania University, Hyderabad, A.P.
35. Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, A.P.
36. Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ananthapur, A.P.
37. Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi, A.P.
38. Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishvavidyalaya, Tirupathi, A.P.
39. Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, A.P.
40. Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, A.P.
41. Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka.
42. Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka.
43. Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka.

44. Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri, Karnataka.
45. Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta, Karnataka.
46. University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka.
47. Goa University, Goa.
48. Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.
49. Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam.
50. B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
51. Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Oarbhanaga, Bihar.
52. Patna University, Patna, Bihar.
53. Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, Bihar.
54. Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.
55. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Orissa.
56. Berhampur University, Berhampur, Orissa.
57. Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
58. Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Orissa.
59. North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj, Orissa.
60. Tripura University, Tripura.
61. University of Burdwan, West Bengal.
62. Vidyasagar University, Midnapur, West Bengal.
63. Jadavpur University, West Bengal.
64. Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal.
65. University of Kalyani, Distt, Nadia, West Bengal.
66. Guru Jambheshwar University, Hissar, Haryana.
67. Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.
68. M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana.
69. H.P. University Shimla (H.P.).
70. University of Jammu, J&K.
71. University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K.
72. Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab.
73. Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.
74. Guru Nank Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab.
75. GB. Pant University, Pantnagar, Uttaranchal.
76. Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttaranchal.
77. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra, U.P.
78. University of Lucknow, Lucknow, U.P.
79. Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

80. Avdesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa, M.P.
81. Barkatuilah Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal, M.P.
82. Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, M.P.
83. Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P.
84. Jiwaji University, Gwalior, M.P.
85. M.G. Chitrakoot Gramodya Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot, M.P.
86. Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur, M.P.
87. Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
88. SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
89. University of Mumbai Vidyanagari, Mumbai.
90. Amravati University, Amravati.
91. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra.
92. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.
93. University of Calicut, Calicut, Kerala.
94. Kannur University, Kalliasseri, Kerala.
95. University of Kerala, Trivendrum, Kerala.
96. Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.
97. Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu.
98. Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
99. Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
100. Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
101. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
102. Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal. Tamil Nadu.
103. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
104. University of Madras. Madras, Tamil Nadu.
105. Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
106. Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai. State Open Universities:
107. Nalanda Open University, Patna, Bihar.
108. Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka.
109. YCMOU, Nashik, Maharashtra.
110. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, A.P.
111. Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University. Kota, Rajasthan.
112. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
113 U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad, U.P.
114 Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal.

115. M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal, M.P.

116. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, T.N.

117. Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

118. Uttaranchal Open University, Haldwani,

Uttaranchal. Institute of National Importance:

119. National Law School of India; Bangalore, Karnataka.

Shortages of trained computer professionals

1196. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of trained computer professionals in the country against the demands of a rapidly growing IT industry;

(b) if so, whether Government has a proposal to open or facilitate opening technical institutes focused on IT industry, to train large number of people for employment in the IT industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) As per the information submitted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), with the anticipated annual growth rate of 15% in admissions in Engineering Colleges the availability of manpower for IT jobs in terms of numbers may not be an issue. However, enhancing the employability of available manpower may be the issue. Depending on the availability of funds during the 11th Five Year Plan, new technical institutions focused on IT would be opened.

Medium of instructions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1197. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medium of instructions of humanities stream subjects like social sciences in Kendriya Vidyalayas is Hindi instead of it being English; if so, the reasons therefor;